

## COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by June 29, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? June 25th - C-FC School

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: land values

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

- I-048-001 | Final destination - East coast?
- I-048-002 | Energy loss with power sent over long distances
- I-048-003 | Questions not yet answered concerning health issues
- I-048-003 | Financial impact on individuals whose land parcels will be drastically altered.

Hampton • Rochester • La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project

### I-048-001

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

### I-048-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

### I-048-003

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☒ Agriculture      ☒ Residential      ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: *Building site*  
*Hunting-lease income*  
*Investment-retirement*

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

*125 Acre scenic valley - value is its beauty & desirability as hunting property.*

*85 acres - last remaining family farm property - left to my son through father*

*This would destroy the beauty & value of this property. It would cross a small marsh and join an existing line which crosses another side of my property.*

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

*(Environmental) Biological - crossing wetlands and into areas whose value is in their remote beauty and supported wildlife.*

*Recreational - Land used as hunting, snowmobiling, hiking*

*In many of these rural areas the value is as remote, beautiful, scenic spots. The value of my property is not agricultural it is natural and a sensitive resource as such!!*

#### I-048-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-048-005

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

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No! There are too many sources which conflict with the information you give. I get the impression we are only hearing the first small part of this scenario

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton- Rochester- La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.